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In re application of:

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Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Sir:

Applicants request that the period for response to the Office Action mailed September 11, 2007, be extended three (3) months from December 11, 2006 to March 11, 2008, by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)) is believed to be \$1,050 for a three (3) month extension for a large entity. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, other than those provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Authorization to charge the \$1,050 extension of time fee and any additional fees associated with the present filing is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.

Respectfully submitted,

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